

Police News

Fatal traffic investigation

On November 30, 1996, a Saturday, at approximately 2:30 a.m., an accident occurred just east of the Ross Island Bridge, in the 700 block of SE Powell Blvd. the accident resulted in the deaths of Kien Tang Ly, Asian male, 11-06-76, of SE Portland and Salika Thammavongsa, Asian male, 01-23-77, also of SE Portland.

The accident was a multiple care occurrence which involved three vehicles and eleven occupants. The vehicles were a red 1988 Honda Prelude, a white 1995 Acura Integra, and a red 1991 Honda Prelude.

The Portland Police are asking for help in identifying three white male witnesses that stopped and spoke to the officers at the scene.

The men had been driving their vehicles, when at least two of the involved vehicles passed them at high speed. We were unable to gain names to these witnesses at the scene and would like to speak to them.

If you have information about this accident please contact the Portland Police Traffic Division at 823-2140.

Police charge man with death of bicyclist

Portland Police Traffic Investigators have charged a Gresham, Oregon, man with the vehicular death of a NE Portland bicyclist.

Samuel Gonzalez-Lopez, Hispanic male, DOB 082062, has been charged with one count each of Manslaughter II, D.U.I.I., Driving

while Suspended, and Driving without Insurance.

The charges stem from an accident he was involved in, at approximately 2:00 p.m., on February, 1, 1997.

Traveling westbound, in the 4800 block of NE Marine Drive, in a 1981

Mercury, Gonzalez-Lopez drove out of his traffic lane and struck Karen L. Holtz. Ms. Holtz 35 years of age, was riding her bicycle westbound in the bike lane on NE Marine Drive when struck from behind. Ms. Holtz died from her injuries two days later.

Tri-Met ridership soars

People with disabilities ride Tri-Met in record number on ADA deadline.

Tri-Met ridership for customers with disabilities has increased 53% since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was established in 1990. The deadline to comply with all ADA mandates occurred at the end of January.

Tri-Met transportation helps people with disabilities get to work, visit the doctor go shopping and even see a movie. Last year, Tri-Met recorded more than 700,000 boarding on transportation serving people with disabilities or who are elderly. The agency has continually exceeded ADA requirements since the ADA was approved.

Since the ADA was established

in 1990:

- use of the Tri-Met LIFT, which provides door-to-door rides for people with disabilities, has increased 35% to nearly 580,000 rides annually;

- use of lifts to board buses has multiplied nearly five times, totaling more than 105,000 rides each year; and

- MAX light rail lift use increased 84% to more than 21,000 rides annually.

In 1990, the ADA extended the protection of the 1964 Civil rights Act to people with disabilities. Major requirements under the ADA include:

- All new vehicles must be accessible to people with disabilities.
- Door-to-door transportation

(The Tri-Met LIFT program) must be provided to people who cannot use other buses or trains, and offered during the same hours as other transit service.

- Customer using door-to-door transportation must be able to reserve rides for the next day, and receive rides for all purposes with no priorities and no substantial denial.

Tri-Met is exploring new technology that will soon make it even easier for people with disabilities to board trains and buses.

Testing is underway on the first low-floor trains in North America, which will begin serving customers later this year. Tri-Met will also introduce 22 low floor buses this fall.

Light rail forum discusses

Clackamas Town Center - North Lombard Line

North Portland South/North Light Rail Forum is set for Saturday, February 22nd.

On the heels of last month's successful Light Rail Forum, Congressman Earl Blumenauer will host a second forum in North Portland to hear citizen questions, reactions and suggestions to light rail in the South/North corridor.

The Light Rail Forum is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, from 10:00am - Noon at Kaiser Town Hall.

Congressman Blumenauer stated, "If the Portland region's Light Rail program is to compete for federal matching funds, we must submit a project proposal to Congress by February 25.

These Light Rail Forums are an opportunity for citizens to help shape the South/North project as it moves forward."

On January 29, over 100 citizens took advantage of this opportunity by attending the first Forum, where they heard information on regional results of Ballot Measure 32 (which defeated a proposal to use state lot-

tery funds for the project), learned of Metro's cost-cutting idea, and offered suggestions for a revised project with a leaner budget.

Pollster Tim Hibbits said surveys conducted after the November vote revealed that many citizens who voted, "No" on Measure 32 do not disapprove of light rail, but wanted a cheaper, more cost-effective project. Metro planners presented cost-cutting options for a line from Clackamas Town Center to N. Lombard. Citizens, business representatives and community leaders provided testimony on these topics.

Coping : Brainwashing

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I want to know what brainwashing is. Can you explain it in language that I can understand? Ms. W., Cleveland.

Dear Ms. W.,

You have given me quite a challenge. Brainwashing is a process (method) of controlling a person's behavior by controlling his thinking. If you make a person dislike himself, he will be depressed and unmotivated. He will be a failure.

The difference between brainwashing and other methods of controlling a person's behavior is that it is done without the individual knowing that it is taking place. Thus, victim will think that the decisions he makes are his own. He has no idea that someone else is actually controlling his behavior.

We might say that brainwashing allows ideas to enter the subconscious and become habits without ever entering into the conscious, where one thinks and reasons. Here is an example. If you watch the same television commercial over and over and over, you will begin to like the product - compare the product with other similar products. You will not compare the good characteristics of the products to its bad characteristics. You will simply purchase it or, at least approve of it.

If someone asked you why you like the product, you will probably say, "I don't know why I like it. I just like it." Or, you might invent reasons that support your decision. The average person will say or think strong person. Nobody can make me do anything." The opposite, of

course, is true. No one is born with any specific like or dislikes. They are all the result of behavioral conditioning through repetition or brainwashing.

We actually brainwash ourselves. If you drive to work by a certain route each day for two months, you will be able to drive to work without thinking about what you are doing. You can day dream and still get to work. Up to 99 percent of all of our behavior is habitual and results from behavioral conditioning and brainwashing. Very few of your behaviors are the result of your own careful thinking and planning.

If you would like to contact Dr. Faulkner, write him at 1635 Nathaniel Mitchell Road, Dover, Del., 19901.

Living up to the real meaning of black manhood

When does a black male youth know he has become a man? Society and mainstream media suggest to our youth that having children and having money are the indicators of manhood.

But the road to true black manhood is not that simple. Dedication, self-determination and community commitment are the requirements. The Bridge Builder program helps establish the foundation for true manhood, starting with The Announcement.

The Announcement is a celebration where students tell of their decision to enter the rites of passage program.

After months of interviews, rigorous reading assignments and community service work, about 80 students from most of the Portland-area high schools will make "The Announcement," Feb. 22 at the Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave. The money goes toward a scholarship fund for the youth. Please call 285-2501.

The Announcement, which is from 7pm to 11pm, will begin with a rich and colorful African dance program. The celebration also includes youth choirs, musical tributes in addition to the youths' announcement that they are willing to accept the challenge of being true black

men. The yearlong rites of passage program requires students to maintain good grades. In addition to laying a strong foundation for educational excellence, the students also perform community service, meet often with community leaders and adopt a younger student to mentor among other things.

Students are busy preparing their speeches and practicing their parts for The Announcement. Their energy level is high as their expectations.

They take this commitment very seriously and spend hours preparing.

United Grocers honors long-standing members

United Grocers, Inc. recently awarded its member stores with plaques commemorating their membership anniversary year. The special plaques were awarded at United Grocers' annual stockholders meeting in Friday, January 11, at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion.

To qualify for recognition, the stores had to be members for at least five years. There were 50 member stores recognized this year from Oregon, Washington, and California, 24 of which were celebrating anniversaries of 15 years or greater.

Kienow's in Portland, celebrated its 75-year membership anniversary, the oldest among the anniversaries this year. Other local long-term anniversaries include Hank's in Cornelius, 60 years; Wizer's in Lake Oswego, 60 years; Cutsforth's Thriftway in Canby, 50 years; Durst's Thriftway in Portland, 45 years; and Northrup Grocery in Portland, 35 years.

United Grocers, Inc. is a retailer-owner cooperative serving



Juan Young, owner of Kienow's in Portland, accepts an award from Alan Jones (right), president & ceo of United Grocers. Young's stores are celebrating a 75-year membership with the company.

more than 390 member stores distribution centers in Portland and throughout Oregon, Washington and Medford, Ore., and Tracy and California. The company operates Modesto, Calif.

OJ Update

O.J. Simpson is planning to leave Los Angeles and the lead attorney in his civil trial is off the case, Newsweek magazine reported.

The magazine also said that lead lawyer Robert Baker and his son, Philip, are leaving Simpson's legal team. It said another Simpson lawyer, Dan Leonard, will handle the appeal of a \$33.5 million damage award from a wrongful death lawsuit.

Telephone calls to the Bakers' law office on Sunday were not returned.

"This is the first I've heard of it, but it wouldn't surprise me," Simpson attorney Robert Blasier said of Baker's reported departure. "The trial's over and it was understood that the appeal would be handled by someone else."

Earlier this month, a jury found Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994, killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Simpson was acquitted of the killings in 1995.

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SEE A DOWNED POWER LINE?

First and foremost, don't touch a downed power line. *Ever.* Assume every fallen line is "live" and immediately call PGE.

• Why downed lines are dangerous.

Electricity always seeks to "ground" itself and will use whatever is in its path—including you. It could cause serious injury or death. Even standing near a fallen line, you're in danger because electricity can travel through the ground.

• What to do if a line falls:

Don't touch the line or anything that it is touching. And don't try to move the line with a stick—the stick could have moisture in it and act as a conductor. Call PGE immediately. Stay far back and keep kids and pets clear of the area, too.

• If a line falls on your house:

Stay indoors and call PGE. The insulation and wood in your home protect you from dangerous electricity. Stay indoors until PGE crews take care of the line.

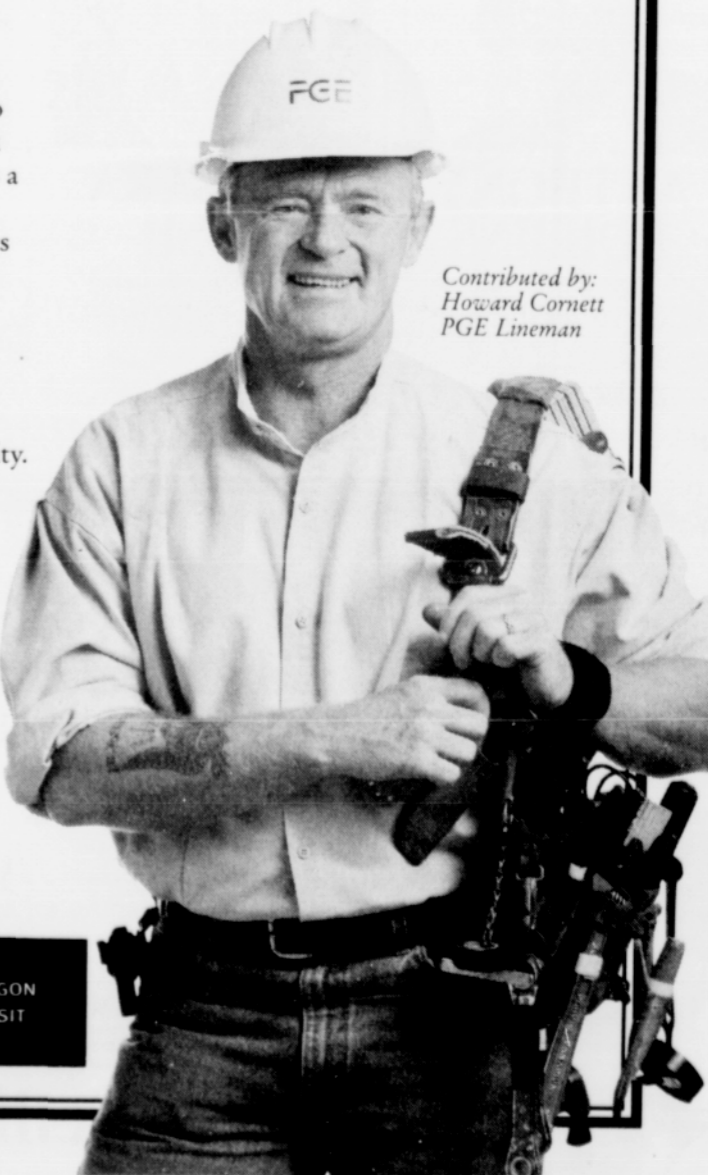
• If a line falls on your car:

Stay in your car and wait for help. Your car's tires insulate you from the danger. Stepping out of the car creates an instant path for electricity. If you have a cellular phone, call PGE or 911.

- Don't try to rescue anyone. If you see a person in trouble with a power line, call 911. That's the *only* way you can help. If you try to rescue them, you could end up a victim, too.

• Help prevent dangerous situations.

Many power outages are caused by falling tree branches. Call PGE for advice if you have trees growing near overhead lines.



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